

EYFS: Autumn Term 1 2020  
Curriculum Information – *What makes us special?*



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to EYFS! We are really looking forward to working with you and your child this academic year. This term in EYFS our topic is 'All About Me'. Our key question is 'What makes us special?'. We have decided on this topic based on our children's interests as well as the seasonal changes that will be taking place this term. It should be a fun-packed half term!

- **Reading book bags** should be brought into school **every day**. Please read with your child or encourage your child to read independently if they prefer. Your child's first book may contain no words! However, this is to encourage discussions about what is happening in the story and gives the children opportunity to talk about the characters and the environment/setting. We aim to change books weekly. Due to the current guidelines, when a child returns a book to school, it will remain in a lidded box for a quarantine period of 72 hours before being put back into the library.
- Your child will come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. For EYFS, this is **Friday**. Please ensure that they have appropriate clothing as they do go out in all weathers (shorts, tracksuit bottoms, jumper, t-shirt, trainers and socks). **All items of uniform and PE kit must be named. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school and please remove your child's earrings on PE days.** Furthermore, we also have an allocated time for Forest School, and for both EYFS classes, this will be a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child brings wellington boots, to be kept at school if possible, which are suitable for the forest school environment. They will also need a waterproof coat during the colder months.

The different areas we will be covering this term are:

Writing	We will be learning to write our names as well as hearing and writing initial/medial and final sounds in CVC words. We will be basing our writing around the texts: 'Only one you – Kranz', 'You Choose – Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodheart', 'The Bumblebear – Nadia Shrieen', 'My Body, Your Body – Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom', 'There's a boy just like me – Fraiser Cox and Alison Brown' and 'Happy in our skin – Manushkin'. We will start with 'Elmer – David McKee'.
Reading/Phonics	We will begin the term practising Phase 1 phonics and then we will start Phase 2 phonics. Don't worry if you aren't sure as we can provide further information at parents evening.
Maths	We will be looking at numbers to 5, we will be reciting numbers, counting, recognising and writing numbers. We will also be looking at repeating patterns, shapes and sizes.

Understanding the World	We will be looking at seasons, harvest festival, and body parts.
Communication and Language	We will be working to our early learning goal which states that our children should: Sustain attentive listening, respond to what they have heard with relevant comments, questions or actions. Maintain attention, concentrate and sit quietly when appropriate. Two-channelled attention – listen and do for short spans. Integrated attention – listen and do in range of situations with range of people; varying according to the demands of the task.
Expressive Arts and Design	Our children will be creating portraits, making models of their houses, paper plate faces, autumn collages, biscuit making and exploring a range of creative mediums.
Personal, Social and Emotional	Our topic is Family and Friends and the children will be learning about people who are special to them
Physical	We will be developing our fine and gross motor skills through games in our PE sessions as well as our large physical play equipment in the setting.
Enrichment	We will be introducing our children to the forest school and the changing environment as we go into Autumn.

### Things that you could do at home:

- Learn to write your first name
- Learn to recognise your full name
- Verbally learn your home address
- Learn the date of your birthday
- Draw a picture of you and your family and try to add some labels

Here are a few resources that may help to support your child's learning during this half term.

#### BBC iPlayer

Numberblocks - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p075jwc2/numbersongs>

Alphablocks - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b0lcz0pl/alphablocks>

#### YouTube

Jolly Phonics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=po5FZltkFVI>

Miss Bacon, Mrs O'Connell, Miss Jones, Miss Batson, Miss Jardine, Mrs Aldridge and Miss Smalley  
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